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1. Oficial Distribuirea Carnei, Meat Rationing Office (ODC) distributes meat to the civilian population. Up to 1 January 1950, this organization was called Comcar. The central office of ODC is located at Strada Caragiale, Bucharest; the Bucharest district office is at 20 Bulevardul 6 Martie (formerly Elisabeta). The Bucharest ODC employs 1,200 workers, of whom 60 work in the accounting department, 20 in the commercial department, and 10 in the distribution department. The others are butchers, salesmen and cashiers, employed at the seven distribution centers. Prior to 1952, there were ten distribution centers in Bucharest.
2. Prior to 1950, cattle were slaughtered once a week at the Bucharest municipal slaughterhouses and the meat distributed through the depots and distribution centers of Comcar. Since 1950, cattle are no longer slaughtered, as all the meat available is exported. However, distributions are made to ODC when enough meat rejected for export has accumulated in the slaughterhouses at Turnu Severin, Salonta and Burdujeni, which usually occurs at intervals of two or three months.
3. Poultry found unfit for export is distributed once a week. Pork has not been seen in ODC stores since May 1951. Up to that date, various Bucharest factories manufactured sausage and smoked meat from the trimmings of meat prepared for export and were distributed by the ten ODC depots as well as government food stores. Since then these products have gone only to government stores. The export slaughterhouses originally released waste meat to the population once a week, but since February 1952, this has gone to the sausage factories.
4. Prices are as follows:
  - a. 300 grams of beef are distributed once every two or three months

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on Point "C" of workers' ration books, at 3.40 or 2.90 lei per kilogram, according to quality.

- b. Pork has not been distributed since the currency reform. On the open market it costs six lei per kilogram.
- c. Poultry is obtainable once a week on the open market at 15 lei per kilogram.
- d. 200 grams of sausage per person are obtainable once a week on the open market at 2.10 to 2.80 lei per kilogram. Horse meat sausage costs 1.10 lei per kilogram.

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